

**TO: Chair and Members**

**DATE: March 13, 2014**

**SUBJECT: Approval to Use the Board's Standing Committee on Gang Issues as the Executive Steering Committee for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Grant Program Beginning Fiscal Year 2014/15, and Approval to the Use of a 3-Year Grant Period for These Funds. Requesting Approval.**

**AGENDA REPORT: C**

**ACTION: X**  
**INFORMATION:**

**RESOURCE PERSON: Helene Zentner**

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**Summary:**

This report requests the Board's approval to use the Standing Committee on Gang Issues as the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention (CalGRIP) Grant. In addition, this report seeks Board approval for a 3-Year grant funding cycle strategy beginning with the 2014/2015 fiscal year (FY) state allocation.

**Background:**

In 2007, the Governor initiated the CalGRIP program as an anti-gang initiative to help communities support various prevention, intervention, and/or suppression strategies to reduce gang and youth violence. Since July 1, 2012 the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has been responsible for administering the CalGRIP program. There are currently 40 active CalGRIP projects, 20 of which were put into grant award as of January 1, 2014.

At its January 17, 2013 meeting the Board authorized the establishment of a Standing Committee on Gang Issues and appointed Board Member David Maggard as Chair. One of the key responsibilities of this committee is to develop recommendations for administering the CalGRIP Program. To that end, this committee acted as the ESC for the previous Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2013/2014 funding allocation. The Governor's proposed budget for FY 2014/2015 once again allocates \$9,215,000 in local assistance funding to the BSCC for the CalGRIP program.

Current practice of annual distribution of this competitive funding solicitation is inefficient, resource-intensive and burdensome on eligible applicants as they must submit a new RFP every 12 months; and awards are then granted for a 2-year grant cycle. Staff is recommending that the Board consider and approve a 3-year grant solicitation cycle. This would align the CalGRIP funding allocations with all other competitive solicitations administered by the Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division within the BSCC. Additionally this would allow more eligible applicants to receive funding and for a longer span of time. The grants would be on a 1-year spending cycle for a 3-year grant term (providing grantees are in compliance with contract terms and conditions) instead of a 2-year spending cycle based on an annual application, allowing for more stable infrastructure and data collection/performance measure development for greater project sustainability.

This recommendation meets California Department of Finance processes. In addition, the Standing Committee on Gang Issues supports the recommendation to change current annual BSCC funding practices to a more efficient approach.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:**

Staff recommends:

1. Using the Board's Standing Committee on Gang Issues as the ESC for the development of the next CalGRIP RFP.
2. Approving a 3-Year competitive solicitation strategy in distributing annual state budget allocations for the CalGRIP Grant Program.